RESERVATION OF POSTS FOR HARIJANS WHILE PROMOTING OFFICIALS

108. Smt. Nagamnia (Kalmala).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether they are aware of the practice of reserving posts for giving promotion to Harijans, that is in force in Andhra and other States;
- (b) if so, whether posts will be reserved accordingly to the Harijan officials also in State Government?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister) .-

- (a) State Government is not aware of the practice that the Andhra Pradesh Government is following in this connection.
 - (b) This is under consideration.

SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS IN GODOWNS

911. Sri B. P. GANGADHAR (Tumkur).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state:—

- (a) the total shortage of foodgrains noticed in the godowns in the State during the years 1963-64 to 1968-69 and the consequent loss incurred by the Government;
- (b) the reasons for the shortage and who were responsible for such a loss to the State Government;
- (c) the action the Government has taken to recover the shortage of commodities or its value;
- (d) whether the Government has written off the loss in cases where officers of Government are involved;
 - (e) if so, the extent of loss written off;
- (f) whether the amount of shortage of commodities is in lakhs of rupees, if so, the exact amount be kindly stated;
- (g) whether Government intends to take stern steps against the persons responsible for such losses to the State;
- (h) whether Government has full control over the receipts, stocking and despatch of foodgrains all over the State; if so, the methods which are in practice with respect to this?